

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 8, 2024



WELCOME

*A warm welcome to visitors who join us today to worship our Risen Lord!
We invite you to pick up a Visitor's Packet as you leave worship today.
Thank you for joining us this morning! We are blessed by your presence.*

*Children are always welcome at worship.
If desired, there is an unstaffed nursery available for parents and their children
on the second floor in first classroom on right side of hallway after restrooms.*

*Large print bulletins and hearing assistance devices
for today's worship are available.
Please feel free to ask an usher if interested.*

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God, **have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we have honored you with our lips,
but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.**

**The cravings at war within us
cause conflicts and disputes.**

**In our desire to be first
we make distinctions among ourselves.**

We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.

In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.

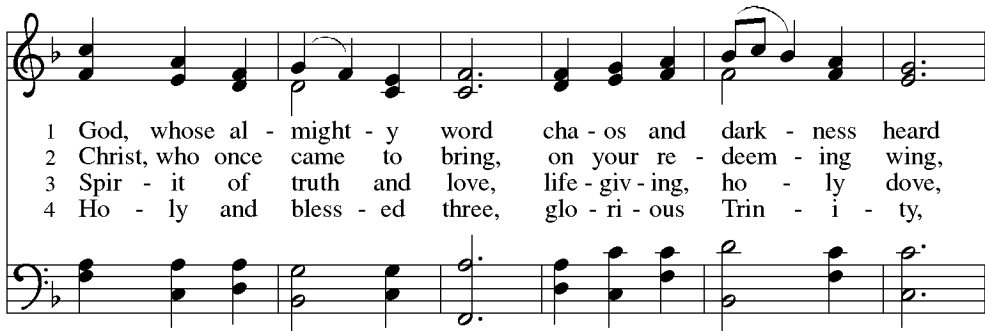
**Draw near to us with grace in time of need,
and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God promises to forgive our iniquity
and to remember our sin no more.

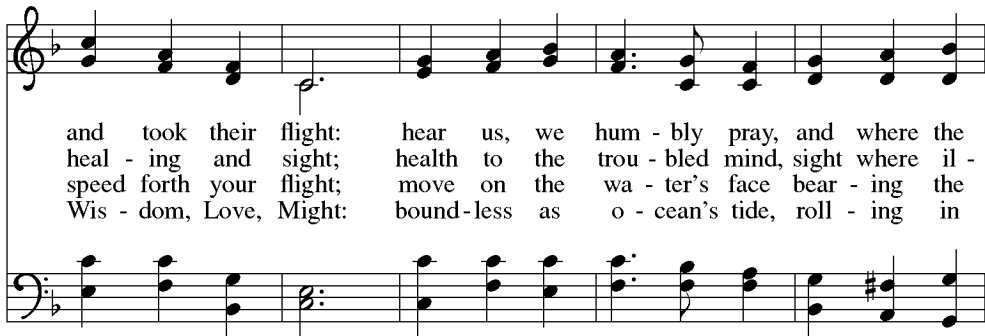
By grace you have been saved.

In the name of † Jesus Christ,
the source of eternal healing,
your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

God, Whose Almighty Word



1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard
2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,
3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,
4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,



and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the
heal - ing and sight; health to the trou - bled mind, sight where il -
speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the
Wis - dom, Love, Might: bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in



gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light.
lu - sions blind; oh, now to hu - man-kind let there be light.
lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place let there be light.
full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

Text: John Marriott, 1780–1825, alt.
Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716–1796

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
And the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE



- 1 Come, let us join our cheer-ful songs with an-gels round the throne;
- 2 “Wor - thy the Lamb that died,” they cry, “to be ex - alt - ed thus!”
- 3 Je - sus is wor - thy to re-ceive hon - or and pow’r di - vine;
- 4 Let all cre - a - tion join in one to bless the sa - cred name



ten thou-sand thou-sand are their tongues, but all their joys are one.
“Wor - thy the Lamb,” our lips re - ply, “for he was slain for us!”
and bless-ings, more than we can give, be, Lord, for - ev - er thine.
of God who sits up - on the throne, and to a - dore the Lamb.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. **Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated.

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING

Isaiah 35:4-7a

⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God. He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense. He will come and save you."

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;

^{7a}the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 146

¹Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

²**I will praise the LORD as long as I live;**

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

³Put not your trust in rulers,
in mortals in whom there is no help.

⁴**When they breathe their last, they return to earth,
and in that day their thoughts perish.**

⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,
whose hope is in the LORD their God;

**⁶who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;
who keeps promises forever;**

⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.
The LORD sets the captive free.

**⁸The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who
are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.**

⁹The LORD cares for the stranger;
the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way
of the wicked.

**¹⁰The LORD shall reign forever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

SECOND READING

James 2:1-10, 14-17

¹My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ²For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," ⁴have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

⁸You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ⁹But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL

Mark 7:24-37

The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 7th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice,²⁵ but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter.

²⁷He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁸But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” ²⁹Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” ³⁰So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” ³⁵And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

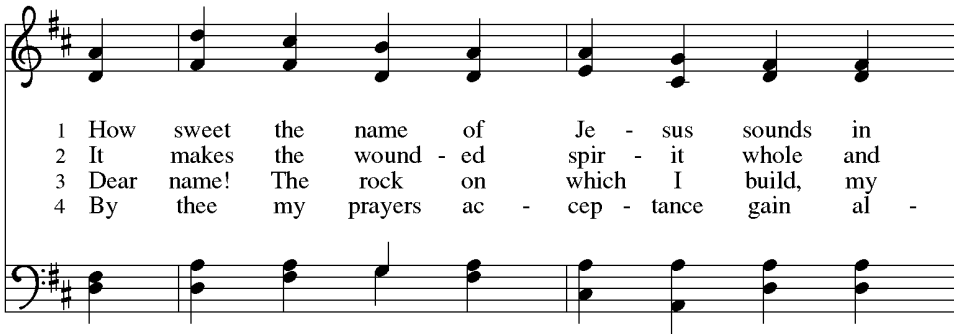
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SERMON *Following the sermon silence is kept for reflection.*

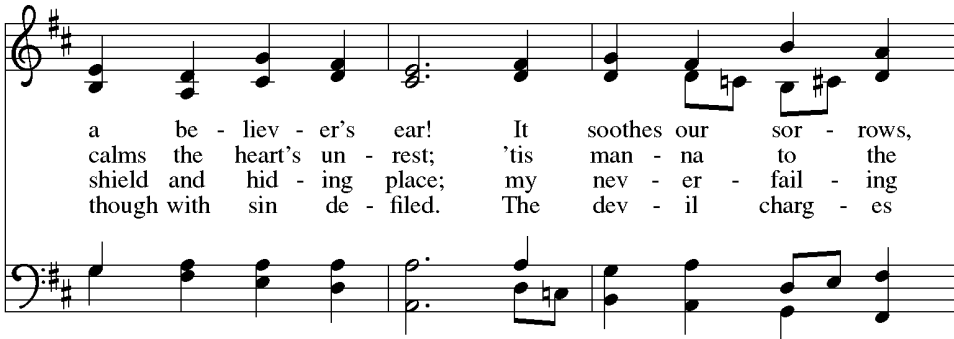
PASTORAL PRAYER *Please stand as you are able following the prayer.*

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, alt. Music: ST. PETER, Alexander R. Reinagle, 1799-1877



1 How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds in
2 It makes the wound - ed spir - it whole and
3 Dear name! The rock on which I build, my
4 By thee my prayers ac - cep - tance gain al -



a be - liev - er's ear! It soothes our sor - rows,
calms the heart's un - rest; 'tis man - na to the
shield and hid - ing place; my nev - er - fail - ing
though with sin de - filed. The dev - il charg - es



heals our wounds, and drives a - way all fear.
hun - gry soul and to the wea - ry, rest.
trea - sury, filled with bound - less stores of grace.
me in vain, and I am owned a child.

5 O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend,
my prophet, priest, and king,
my Lord, my life, my way, my end,
accept the praise I bring.

6 How weak the effort of my heart,
how cold my warmest thought;
but when I see thee as thou art,
I'll praise thee as I ought.

7 Till then I would thy love proclaim
with every fleeting breath;
and may the music of thy name
refresh my soul in death!

Please be seated.

OUR RESPONSE

OFFERING

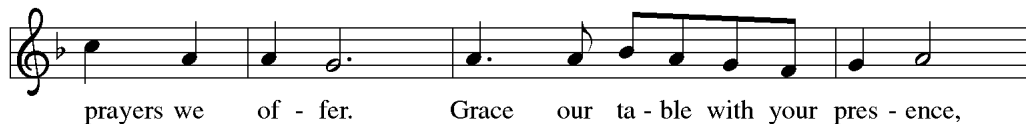
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SPECIAL MUSIC

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY



OFFERING PRAYER

**Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation.
By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

**Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen**

BLESSING

God all mighty, God most merciful
✠ bless you, keep you, and give you peace.
Amen.

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Text & Music: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824-1908, alt., Welsh traditional; arr. John Roberts, 18007-1876



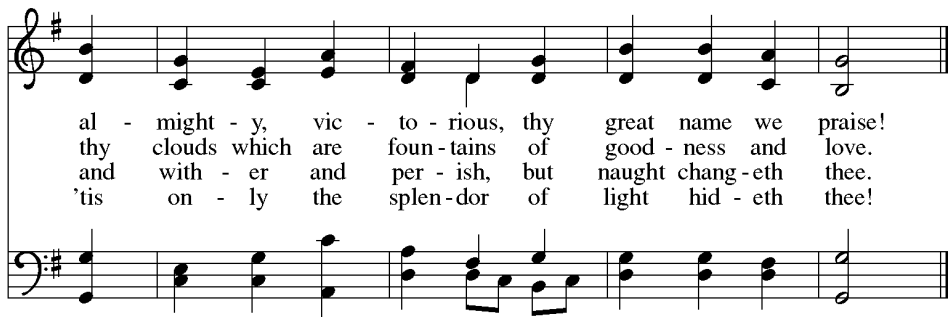
1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!
thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow Jesus!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Please remember in your prayers ... (members listed in bold)

Healing: Bonnie (9/9), Karen Shatzer Diehl (9/19), LaVonne Dorseth (9/15), Joanne Fisher (9/22), Destinee Gray (9/13), Denise Heinbaugh (10/7), **Ann Hoffman** (10/6), Joyce Morschhauser (9/9), **Richard Ray** (10/4), **Dia Schumacher** (9/25), **Garry Shatzer** (10/3), Juanita Shaw (9/13), Paul Stockhausen (10/4), Sarah Tatanish, (9/21), Eddie Tucker (10/4), **Connie Wilkins** (9/16), Tom Woods (9/13).

Long Term Care: **Pat Dent, Julie Diehl, June Diehl, Charles Kampmeyer, John Shearer** and Joe Pine

Military: Tawny & Brad Arnold and Parker Brown.

ATTENDANCE September 1 53 in person 12 online



MUSIC NOTES Fall 2024 our music ministry is going to start the fall season off with a picnic. (Date To be determined.) We invite anyone in the adult choir, the Rose Ringers, or ANYONE who has an interest in joining one of these groups. Both groups meet on Thursday evenings. The Rose Ringers rehearses at 6 p.m. followed by the

Adult/Sanctuary Choir at 7 p.m. Both rehearsal last approx. 45 mins. For more information----talk to Freda or any bell or choir member. We are always looking for more singers and ringers to use their talents in our worship setting. Please consider joining us for fun, fellowship, and most of all praising our Lord and Savior with the blessing of your musical talents.

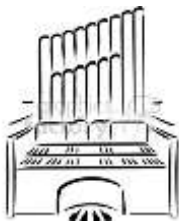
The Women of the ELCA will gather on Thursday, September 12 at 1:30 p.m. in Meeting Room 1 to continue our study of Max Lucado's book He Chose the Nails. Joyce Ray will lead the group with Chapter 9, "I Invite You into My Presence-- God's Promise Through the Torn Flesh." All women of the church are welcome.

God's Work- Our Hands Our WELCA members put together Personal Care Kits to send to LWR each year. With the help of an Action Team Grant from Thrivent our goal this year is to put 75 health kits together. A health kit consists of a bath towel, sturdy comb, nail clipper, two bars of soap and an adult toothbrush. We are asking members of First to contribute 4 oz. bars of soap and toothbrushes. On Sunday September 15th our youth and church members will assemble these health kits in Fellowship Hall at 9:30. We are hoping everyone can help with this project.



Sons of Israel Presents Jewish Food and Heritage Festival Sunday, September 15th, 11:30-1:00 or 1:30-3:00 at 209 E King Street, Chambersburg, PA. Menus: Israeli Salad, Latkes, Rolls, Brisket, Green Beans, and Assorted Desserts Hear Jewish Music, Learn Israeli Dancing, tour of our Sanctuary Tickets \$20.00 per person, Space is limited! Call Ronni to reserve your spot! 717-264-7926 or 703-966-7926

COUNCIL MEMBERS NEEDED In November we will be electing council members for a three year term to serve from January 2025 through December 2027. If you have an interest in being nominated or finding out more about this opportunity, please talk with Joyce Ray.



LEFEVRE RECITAL will be taking place at St. John Church on Sunday, September 29 at 3:00 p.m. This recital is in honor of Ferree's 90th birthday. (His birthday is actually Friday, September 13.) A reception will follow at the church. It would be an honor to have you join us. Ferree's home address is 539 High Street; Chambersburg PA 17201.

ST SERAPHIM KITCHEN is in need of volunteers to serve our neighbors. The hours are from 9-1. The work is light-preparing sandwiches, soup and drinks and then serving the neighbors when they arrive. St. Seraphim's is located close to the Salvation Army on Lincoln Way West. Dates available: September 21 and October 19. If you would be willing to help contact Mary Gotwald 717-264-4759.



DISCOUNT CARDS SpiroTrust Lutheran Auxiliary is selling discount cards. For \$5 each. Money raised will help Hospice, Home Care, and The Inn. The card is active now through 9/1/25 and may be used for discounts at various area businesses. Contact: Tudy Gates at (717) 264-6312.

CROP WALK will be taking place along the rail trail in downtown Chambersburg on Sunday, October 20. The walk will begin at First Lutheran. If you would like to contribute money to help end World Hunger and Hunger in our Community, or would like to walk or help greet people as they arrive for the walk, please speak with Pastor Nicholson or with Bill Nienstedt. The church is being used from 1 to 3 p.m. The walk begins around 1:30



LAUNDRY EVENT will be hosted by First Lutheran and Little Daisy's Closet t a at the Spot Laundry. Saturday September 14, hours are 11:15-1:15. People who come in to use the washing machines will be offered a card with credit enough to wash and dry one large load. They will also be offered detergent pods, dryer sheets, children's books, Bibles in English or Spanish, leftover food from Meals on Wheels and prayer if needed. Come join us to meet our neighbors and share God's love.

GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP is coming up soon, January 14-22, 2025. A group of eight from First have been asked to provide much needed supplies. Needed for the orphanage and school are gently-used sneakers. All sizes except *large* adult mens/womens (men's to size 8, women's to size 7). The kids sizes are most needed, and people have smaller feet in general there. School supplies needed are pencils, pens (blue, black), marker sets (10 colors), crayon sets (10 colors), little pencil sharpeners, erasers, and zip pencil cases (paper is not needed). There will be a donation box outside the office. If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl at the church office.



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	<u>September 8</u>	<u>September 15</u>	<u>September 22</u>
Lector:	Gerry Wilson	Ralph Burdick	Sally Herritt
Soundboard:	Scott Carbaugh	Scott Carbaugh	Scott Carbaugh
Communion Assistants:		Mary Gotwald Tim Gotwald Karen Sloan	
Greeters:	Bob Hammer Dot Hammer	Bob Hammer Dot Hammer	Bob Hammer Dot Hammer
Closer	Jeff Dorand	Jeff Dorand	Jeff Dorand
Altar Guild:	Barb Evans Karin Woods	Barb Evans Karin Woods	Barb Evans Karin Woods
Ushers:	Barb Evans Rick Gates Denny Love Mark Nicholson Rose Wilson	Barb Evans Rick Gates Denny Love Mark Nicholson Rose Wilson	Barb Evans Rick Gates Denny Love Mark Nicholson Rose Wilson



THIS WEEK AT FIRST
September 8 – September 15

Sunday	9:15 a.m.	Donuts and Coffee
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship
Monday	6:00 p.m.	Council Meeting at Gerry Wilson's Home
Tuesday	2:00 p.m.	Stewardship
	7:00 p.m.	Scouts
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	LWR Quilters
Thursday	1:30 p.m.	WELCA Gathering
	6:00 p.m.	Rose Ringers
	7:00 p.m.	Choir
Saturday	11:15 a.m.	Laundry Day
Sunday	9:15 a.m.	Donuts and Coffee
	9:30 a.m.	God's Work Our Hands Event and Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship w/Holy Communion



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Church Office Hours – Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

We welcome visitors this morning.

Please pick up a **visitor's packet**. They are located at the top of the steps.
at the rear of the church or on the table at the elevator entrance.

Our Mission

The mission of First Lutheran Church is to be the light of Jesus,
burning brightly and vigorously in our community.

Worship Schedule

Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

Worship at 10:45 a.m.

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and on our webpage at www.FELCC.org

ALL are invited to hear and receive God's blessing in Jesus, and to worship with us